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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE TO Docket No: Q68136

Art Unit: 2831 **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP 2831** PATENT APPLICATION

In re application of

Yasumichi KUWAYAMA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/046,710

Confirmation No.: 4857

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For:

STRUCTURE FOR WATERPROOFING TERMINAL-WIRE CONNECTING PORTION

AND METHOD OF WATERPROOFING THE SAME

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2002, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1 and 5 are the only pending independent claims.

Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone interview with Applicants' representative on February 25, 2003 in which 1) the improper Finality of the Office Action and 2) the rejection of claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 over Martin (US 3,143,595) in view of Wilcox (US 6,261,137) were discussed.